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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.45 a.m.	4416th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

Morning*	4417th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

4.30 p.m.	4418th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Angola

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4416th (closed) meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

8.30 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: letter from the Permanent Representative of India (A/56/614) [8]

9 a.m. **54th PLENARY MEETING** **General Assembly Hall**

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Burkina Faso

Indonesia

Slovakia

Israel

Uzbekistan

Guyana

Nigeria

Comoros

Angola

Cameroon

Sudan

Yemen

Singapore

Kazakhstan

3 p.m. **55th PLENARY MEETING** **General Assembly Hall**

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Panama

Lesotho

Central African Republic

Barbados

Grenada

Mozambique

Ethiopia

Trinidad and Tobago

Equatorial Guinea

Papua New Guinea

Denmark

Thailand

Saint Lucia

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 41st meeting — Conference Room 1

Rights of peoples to self-determination [118]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31

Implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/56/L.36, L.37 and L.38

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)] (A/56/168, A/56/190, A/56/204, A/56/207 and Add.1, A/56/209, A/56/212, A/56/230, A/56/253, A/56/254 and Add.1, A/56/255, A/56/256, A/56/258, A/56/263, A/56/271, A/56/292 and Add.1, A/56/310, A/56/334, A/56/341, A/56/344, A/56/608)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)] (A/C.3/56/4, A/C.3/56/7, A/56/210, A/56/217, A/56/220, A/56/278, A/56/281, A/56/312, A/56/327, A/56/336, A/56/337, A/56/340, A/56/409 and Add.1, A/56/440, A/56/460, A/56/479, A/56/505)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)] (A/56/36 and Add.1, A/56/524)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Illicit trade in small arms
2. United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Tajikistan
3. Draft report
4. Draft letter

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 15 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals as follows:

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)), from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.16 (item 98 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 15 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 112 (Advancement of women))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m. - 12 noon closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda item 98 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21))

12 noon - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SIXTH AND SECOND COMMITTEES
(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty) and 100 (International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Twenty-Third Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 15 will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a ministerial meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the South-Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) *today*, 15 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, f from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Eleventh Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 16 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Haiti

   Russian Federation

   Sao Tome and Principe

2. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Republic of Moldova

   Lebanon

   Sierra Leone

   Rwanda

   Tuvalu

   Fiji

   Antigua and Barbuda

   Marshall Islands

   Seychelles

   Australia

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Latvia

Tonga

Swaziland

Eritrea

Guinea-Bissau

Kiribati

Estonia

Georgia

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 19 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

On Monday, 19 November, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations mentioned above, informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Emergency response to disasters" presented jointly by Greece and Turkey, under agenda item 20 (a), will also be held in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, in Conference Room B, in the afternoon, immediately after the adjournment of the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Monday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Monday, 19 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its eighteenth meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m., to begin consideration of agenda item 90 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 90, as well as in discussions on the other remaining item, item 89 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), are kindly urged to inscribe their names as soon as possible on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6 (programme budget implications: E/2001/L.47/Rev.1) and on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.7 (item 12) and A/C.2/56/L.4 (item 100). Informal consultations will also be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d)).

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The 260th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Reintegration of Refugees and Displaced Populations" co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Opening remarks will be given by Ms. Misako Kaji, Head, a.i., Secretariat and Inter-Organizational Service, UNHCR. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leily Soleimani (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 114).

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4415th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1075) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1075) received 15 votes in favour, none against with no abstention, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1378 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

52nd plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau

H.E. Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mrs. Maria Eugenia Brizuela de Ávila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; H.E. The Honourable Mr. Ram Sharan Mahat, Minister of Finance of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. The Honourable Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Rodolphe Adada, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad; H.E. Mr. Naji Sabri, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Vilayat Mukhtar ogly Guliyev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Tuliameni Kalomoh, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting of Namibia; H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys, Chairman of the Delegation of Lithuania; Mr. Alfred Carlot, Chairman of the Delegation of Vanuatu; and H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Chairman of the Delegation of Egypt.

53rd plenary meeting

H.E. The Honourable Manasseh Sogavare, MP, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Osmonakun Ibraimov, Secretary of State of the Kyrgyz Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Mompati Merafhe, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Koffi Panou, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo; H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Secretary of State for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Kolawole Idji, Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration of Benin; H.E. The Honourable Timothy Harris, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Education of Saint Kitts and Nevis; H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; H.E. The Honourable Lilian Patel, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; H.E. Lyonpo Jigmi Yoser Thinley, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan; H.E. Mr. Ravan Farhâdi, Chairman of the Delegation of Afghanistan; and H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abdi Hashi, Chairman of the Delegation of Somalia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey, Armenia and Cyprus.

The representative of Armenia made a statement on a point of order.

The Acting President made a statement.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 40th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the United States, Morocco, China, Japan, Eritrea, Venezuela, Mali, Thailand, Greece and Indonesia.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kenya and Pakistan.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 30th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/214, p. 13): under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.30,* the first paragraph should read as follows:

The representative of Denmark introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as *Austria*, Greece and Italy, and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 34th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/217, p. 15): under agenda sub-items 119 (b), (c), (d) and (e), *Ethiopia* should be added to the list of representatives who took part in the dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2001

488th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Ukraine (CAT/C/55/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

489th (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2001

63rd and 64th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Colombia (E/C.12/4/Add.6). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Ratification: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Israel (14 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Israel (14 November 2001)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Chile (10 November 2001)*

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Chile (10 November 2001)*

Signature: Bahrain (14 November 2001)

Signature: Belize (14 November 2001)

Signature: Bhutan (14 November 2001)

Signature: Congo (14 November 2001)

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (14 November 2001)

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Israel (14 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Italy (14 November 2001)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Belize (14 November 2001)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "International Day of Tolerance: Families of the World – Travels into the Heart of Humankind". The briefing will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza). Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 15 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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New United Nations stamps

On Friday, 16 November 2001, the United Nations Postal Admin-istration (UNPA) will issue three new stamps on the theme "Climate Change". Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/85. The new stamps can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Friday, 16 November, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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